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ABIDJAN PASS AMBASSADOR ROBERT P. SMITH

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TAGS: PFOR, ECON, GH, OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH GHANAIAN OFFICIALS

1. IN MAY 9 MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI
HE MENTIONED THAT US REFUSAL TO SIGN INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT
WAS "A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS" AND WAS IN ADDITION THE ONLY
BILATERAL PROBLEM BETWEEN THE US AND GHANA WHICH HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED.

HE INDICATED HE WOULD RAISE THIS SUBJECT WHEN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR
YOUNG ON MAY 13. FELLI'S "HUMAN RIGHTS" ARGUMENT RAN SOMETHING
LIKE THIS: COCOA IS VITAL TO GHANA'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING. US
REFUSAL TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT THREATENS COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOP-
MENT. SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS COULD RESULT, LEADING TO OPPRESSIVE
CONDITIONS IN WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE VIOLATED AS REGIME
HAD TO RESORT TO FORCE TO MAINTAIN ORDER.

2. BIZARRE AS THIS ARGUMENT IS, FELLI RECENTLY USED IT ON TWO
VISITING AMERICAN JOURNALISTS (ACCORDING TO MAY 7 DAILY
GRAPHIC) AND WILL PROBABLY UNLIMBER IT AGAIN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG.
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3. FELLI ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO BAD RAINS, POOR HARVESTS AND
RESULTING FOOD SHORTAGES IN GHANA AND EXPRESSED HOPE WE CAN PROVIDE
MORE FOOD GRAINS. I TOLD HIM WE WERE ALREADY PROVIDING
SOME EMERGENCY FOOD (TITLE II) AND OF COURSE WOULD LIKE TO BE
HELPFUL. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING TITLE I POSSIBILITIES WITH
COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING GARDINER, BOTH IN ACCRA AND

IN WASHINGTON. I NOTED THAT WHATEVER THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THESE TALKS, TITLE I HELP DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR SEEMED UNLIKELY. FELLI DID NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH THIS ANSWER BUT I AM SURE HE OR ACHEAMPONG WILL RAISE IT WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG. LINEHAN

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